

## DECLARE MEXICO'S ACTS OF CONFISCATORY NATURE

American Oil Land Owners Pre-vented From Drilling Wells by Government.

### RIGHTS GIVEN THIRD PARTIES

Conduct Is Open Violation of Laws of Country Under Which Capital Developed Property—Sturdy Protest Filed by Wronged Interests.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—In formal representations filed with the State Department, the Association of Producers of Petroleum takes issue with recent declarations made in Mexico City by Leon Salinas, acting head of the Mexican Department of Industry and Commerce and Chief of the Oil Bureau of that department, justifying the Carranza government's attitude on the oil question.

Repeating statements by Salinas that the petroleum producers against the Carranza government, against which they claim, are in violation of the laws of Mexico itself and in contravention of the accepted laws of nations.

"It is admitted," says the statement, "that the question of proprietorship of oil lands in Mexico and the Spanish colonies was subject of contention, but nowhere in Spanish grants or subsequent ordinances of the Spanish king was petroleum treated as the king's patrimony or the property of the nation. If any contention did exist, it was set at rest in Mexico by the mining law of 1854."

Law of 1881 Cleared up Point.  
"Before this date neither coal nor petroleum had been developed in Mexico at all; the law of 1881 simply cleared up a matter in question. From that time, therefore, rights to coal and oil were acquired by Americans under his law and the laws to the same effect of 1892 and 1910. By the expenditure of vast amounts of money, American individuals and companies have given a value to these lands resting upon the laws of Mexico. Their ownership was never questioned, and it was repeatedly ratified by acts of Mexican courts and the Mexican government since 1912 continuously recognized rights so acquired under Mexican law by collecting taxes upon the lands and upon the production."

The Mexican government's contention that a mere change in constitutional precept (appearing in a constitution which prohibits any retroactive legislation, which precept against retroactive effect was called to the attention of the ambassador of the United States with an assurance that no law or constitutional provision would take effect retroactively in advance of the presentation of his credentials in February, 1917,) may operate to divest foreigners of rights legally acquired, has been well answered by protests of your department. In harmony with such protests, the members of this association have taken a united stand and refused to be trapped by any of the exigencies of Mexican government decrees demanding the performance of acts, the effect of which would be to acquire in the confiscation and render the American protests nugatory.

Ownership Is Nullified.  
"Because we have refused to admit the loss of our properties, the Mexican government has seen fit to refuse us permission to drill on our lands until we perform such acts of acquiescence. The government has gone to the extent of sending armed forces to stop the drilling of a well on a property of a member of this association which member had, in harmony with your protests, refused to acquiesce in confiscation of his property. In other cases, the Mexican government has granted rights to third parties under mining claims provided for in decrees against which the American government has protested, and wells have been and are being drilled on such lands by such third parties."  
"In reply to Secretary Salinas' statement we beg leave to call your attention to the fact that these acts, as is well known to you, are in open violation of the laws of Mexico under which our investment of time, money and energy was made, and violate the accepted law of nations."

## TRY NEW EDUCATION PLAN AT WILLIAM AND MARY

Final Arrangements Completed for Opening of College on Morning of October 13.

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., Oct. 4.—A new venture in higher education in the State of Virginia is to be inaugurated by the College of William and Mary with the opening of a night college in the city of Newport News. Dr. J. A. C. Chandler, president of William and Mary, stated today that final arrangements for the opening of the school had been completed, and that classes will meet for the first time Monday, October 13.

Courses in government, including both constitutional law and citizenship, business law, constructive accountancy, and commerce, which would probably be a course in railroad and ocean transportation, will be offered. In addition, if there is a sufficient demand from not less than twelve students, other courses of a collegiate grade will be offered. Teachers in the schools of Hampton and Newport News will be given an opportunity to take such classes as they may care to pursue.

Classes will be held two hours a week for twenty-seven weeks. This, Dr. Chandler pointed out, was equal to three hours a week for eighteen weeks, and would entitle those making the class to three college credits. This night college, the first of its kind in Virginia, is designed for high school graduates unable to attend college, who will be able to work and get their studies after working hours. Those in business who wish more information on government, business organization and other commercial studies and those who are trying to pass the examination for a certified public accountant.

## SPEEDS WILSON'S MEDICINE AT RISK OF HIS OWN LIFE

Boston Mail Dispatcher Stops Federal Express in Daring Fashion.

BOSTON, Oct. 4.—John Purcell, mail dispatcher at South Station, risked possible injury when he stopped the Federal express to Washington to expedite the delivery of a package of medicine for President Wilson last night. He had received the package from a messenger who shouted "Medicine for the President" as he dashed into the mail-room. The express was then pulling out of the train shed and Purcell ran across the net work of yard tracks and posted himself in the glare of the on-coming engine's headlight. The train was delayed two minutes. The parcel was addressed to Admiral Grayson and marked "Urgent, special delivery."

### DR. LEAVELL TO SPEAK

Will Address Baptist Women's Missionary Circle at Second Church Thursday Night.

Dr. George Leavell, of Woodchow, China, will be the speaker of the evening next Thursday when the Baptist Women's Missionary Circle of Richmond and vicinity meets in the Second Baptist Church. There will be two sessions. The first will start at 3:30 in the afternoon and the second at 8 in the evening. The Baptist \$75,000,000 campaign will be the general theme. Other speakers than Dr. Leavell will be Mrs. J. M. Moore and Dr. J. T. Watts. There will be numerous short discussions. Special prayers for the success of the campaign will be offered.

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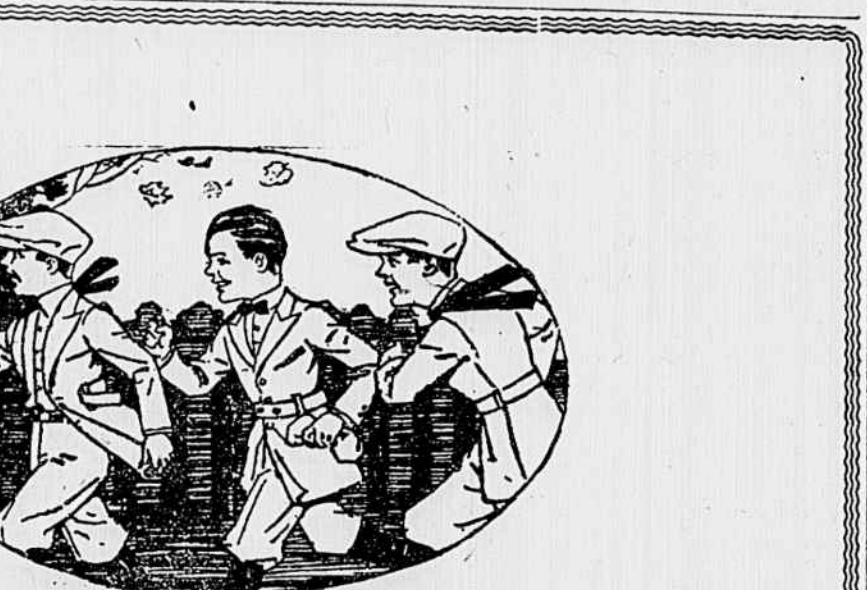
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